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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed May 5, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. To further the prosecution of this Application, Applicants submit the following remarks and have canceled claims. The claims as now presented are believed to be in allowable condition.

Claims 1 - 33 were pending in this Application. By this Amendment, claims 5, 16 and 27 have been canceled. Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute at least some of the canceled claims and similar claims in one or more related Applications. Accordingly, claims 1-4, 6-15, 17-26 and 28-33 are now pending in this Application. Claims 1, 6, 12, 17, 19, 23, 28 and 30 are independent claims.

Objection to the Specification

The Specification was objected to based on a contention by the Office Action that the original title was not descriptive.

Applicants have replaced the original Title with a new Title. Accordingly, the objection to the Specification should be withdrawn.

Allowed Claims

Claims 1-4, 12-15 and 23-26 have been allowed.

Claims 6-11, 16-21 and 28-32 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 6-9

Applicants have rewritten claim 6 in independent form and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 6 and claims 7-11, which depend from claim 6, are now in allowable condition.

Claims 17-18

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Applicants have rewritten claim 17 in independent form and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 17 and claim 18, which depends from claim 17, are now in allowable condition.

Claims 19-22

Applicants have rewritten claim 19 in independent form and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 19 and claims 20-22, which depend from claim 19, are now in allowable condition.

Claims 28-29

Applicants have rewritten claim 28 in independent form and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 28 and claim 29, which depends from claim 28, are now in allowable condition.

Claims 30-33

Applicants have rewritten claim 30 in independent form and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 30 and claims 31-33, which depend from claim 30, are now in allowable condition.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, this Application should be in condition for allowance. A Notice to this affect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this Amendment, that the Application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the Applicants' Representative at the number below.

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Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this Amendment, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3661.

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 616-2900, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,



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